

SECTION G.
RATES AND SERVICE FEES

Unless specifically defined in the Tariff, all fees, rates, and charges as stated shall be non-refundable.

- 1. *Service Investigation Fee.*** The Corporation shall conduct a service investigation for each service application submitted at the Corporation office. An initial determination shall be made by the Corporation, without charge, as to whether the service request is Standard or Non-Standard. An investigation shall then be conducted and the results reported under the following terms:

 - a.** All Standard Service requests shall be investigated without charge and all applicable costs for providing service shall be quoted in writing to the Applicant within ten (10) working days of application.
 - b.** All Non-Standard Service requests shall be subject to a fee, appropriate to each project, of sufficient amount to cover all administrative, legal, and engineering fees associated with investigation of the Corporation's ability to deliver service to the Applicant to;

 - (1)** Provide cost estimates of the project;
 - (2)** Present detailed plans and specifications as per final plat;
 - (3)** Advertise and accept bids for the project;
 - (4)** Present a Non-Standard Service Contract to the Applicant; and
 - (5)** Provide other services as required by the Corporation for such investigation. A Non-Standard Service Contract shall be presented to the Applicant within a suitable amount of time as determined by the complexity of the project. (See Section F.)
- 2. *Membership Fee.*** At the time the application for service is approved, a refundable Membership Fee must be paid for each service requested before service shall be provided or reserved for the Applicant by the Corporation.

 - a.** The Membership Fee for water service is \$180.00 for each service unit.
 - b.** The Membership Fee for wastewater is not applicable.
 - c.** Membership fee for oversized or Master Metered Accounts shall be based on multiples of meter size equivalence or actual connections served.
- 3. *Easement Fee.*** When the Corporation determines that private Right-of-Way easements and/or facilities sites are necessary to provide service to the Applicant, the Applicant shall be required to make good faith efforts to secure easements in behalf of the Corporation and/or pay all costs incurred by the Corporation in validating, clearing, and retaining such Right-of-Way in addition to tap fees otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of the Tariff. The costs may include all legal fees and expenses necessary to attempt to secure such Right-of-Way and/or facilities sites in behalf of the Applicant. (See Section E.3., Section F.7.a.)
- 4. *Installation Fee.*** The Corporation shall charge an installation fee for service as follows:

 - a. *Standard Service*** shall include all current labor, materials, engineering, legal, customer service inspection, and administrative costs necessary to provide individual metered

- water or wastewater service and shall be charged on a per tap basis as computed immediately prior to such time as metered service is requested and installed.
- b. Non-Standard Service** shall include any and all construction labor and materials, inspection, administration, legal, and engineering fees, as determined by the Corporation under the rules of Section F of this Tariff.
 - c. Standard and Non-Standard Service Installations** shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations as per Section E.3(e) of this Tariff.
- 5. Equity Buy-In Fee.** In addition to the Membership Fee, each Applicant shall be required to achieve parity with the contributions to the construction of the Corporation's facilities capacity that have been made previously by existing Members. This fee shall be assessed immediately prior to providing or reserving service on a per service unit basis for each property and shall be assigned and restricted to that property for which the service was originally requested. The formula applied to such fee calculated annually after receipt of the system audit is as follows:

Sample Calculation:

Total Contributions and Assets of the Corporation minus (-)
 Accumulated Depreciation minus (-)
 Outstanding Corporation Debt Principle minus (-)
 Developer Contributions minus (-)
 Grants received divided by (÷)
 Total Number of Members/Customers equals (=)
 Average Net Equity Buy-In Fee

- a.** Water Fee is \$3038.00
- b.** Sewer Fee is Not Applicable
- **Impact Fee** – In addition to the Membership Fee, each Applicant shall be required to pay an impact fee if an impact fee (or any equity buy-in fee) has not previously been paid for the property at which service is requested. This fee shall be used to assist in funding capital improvements to the Corporation's system capacity, including water supply. This fee shall be assessed immediately prior to providing service on a per service unit basis for each property and shall be assigned and restricted to that property for which the service was originally requested. **(The Corporation will not charge both an Equity Buy-In Fee and an Impact Fee to the same property.)**

Sample Calculation:

Prepare and adopt a capital improvement plan
 Project number of connections during period covered by plan
 Prepare a table establishing the additional demand on system facilities and supply

Identify additional facilities to be constructed and probable cost to be financed through impact fees

Divide total cost to be financed through impact fees by number of connections the facilities will serve to determine per connection impact fee

6. Monthly Charges.

a. Service Availability Charge

(1) Water Service – The monthly charge for metered water service, which may or may not include allowable gallonage, is based on demand by meter size. Each charge is assessed based on the number of 5/8" x 3/4" meters, as per American Water Works Association maximum continuous flow specifications (see Miscellaneous) equivalent to the size indicated and is used as a base multiplier for the Service Availability Charge and allowable gallonage. Rates and equivalents are as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter Equivalents</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	1.0	\$ 30.00
3/4" Multi	1.5	\$ 45.00
1"	2.5	\$ 75.00
1 1/2 "	5.0	\$ 150.00
2"	8.0	\$ 240.00
3" CMPD	16.0	\$ 480.00
4" CMPD	25.0	\$ 750.00
6" CMPD	50.0	\$ 1500.00
8" CMPD	80.0	\$ 2400.00

(2) Sewer Service – The monthly charge for standard sewer service on a per tap basis is as follows: Standard sewer service is not applicable.

b. Gallonage Charge – In addition to the Service Availability Charge, a gallonage charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period:

(1) Water \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons for any gallonage from 0-6,000 gallons

\$4.00 per 1,000 gallons for any gallonage from 6,001 – 14,000 gallons

\$5.25 per 1,000 gallons for any gallonage from 14,001 – 24,000 gallons

\$6.75 per 1,000 gallons for any gallonage from 24,001 – 36,000 gallons

\$8.50 per 1,000 gallons for any gallonage from 36,001 – 50,000 gallons

\$10.50 per 1,000 gallons for any gallonage from 50,000 gallons and over

(2) Sewer is not applicable.

(3) The Corporation shall, as required by Section 5.235, Water Code of the State of Texas, collect from each of its retail customers a regulatory assessment equal to one-half of one percent of the charge for retail water or wastewater service. This charge shall be collected in addition to other charges for utility service. This fee is collected on all

charges pertaining to Section G.6. Monthly Charges of the Tariff. (30 TAC 291.76 d.(3)(i))

- 7. Assessments.** If at the end of the fiscal year, or in the event of emergency repairs, the Board of Directors determines the total amount derived from the collection of water charges to be insufficient for the payment of all costs incident to the operation of the Corporation's system during the year in which such charges are collected, the Board shall make and levy an assessment against each Member of the Corporation as the Board may determine or as may be required by Rural Development, so that the sum of such assessments and the amount collected from water and other charges is sufficient to fully pay all costs of the operation, maintenance, replacement and repayment on indebtedness for the year's operations. (Article XVIII of Bylaws, Section 1.)
- 8. Late Payment Fee.** Once per billing period, a penalty of \$5.00 or 5%, which ever is larger, shall be applied to delinquent bills. This late payment penalty shall not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing, but shall be applied to any unpaid balance during the current billing period. **NOTE:** For Political Subdivisions and state agencies the above late payment fee does not apply. Instead a late penalty of 1% shall be assessed for any amount unpaid on the 46th day after the bill is received by the state agency or political subdivision and an additional 1% shall be assessed for each month thereafter that the bill remains unpaid. (see Government Code Chapter 2251)
- 9. Owner Notification Fee.** The Corporation may, at the expense of the Member, notify said Member of a renter/lessee delinquent account status prior to disconnection of service. The Owner Notification Fee shall be \$____ per notification. (See Miscellaneous Transaction Forms.) **This is not applicable.**
- 10. Mortgagee/Guarantor Notification Fee.** The Corporation shall assess a fee of \$_____ for each notification to a Membership lien-holder under agreement prior to Membership cancellation. (See Miscellaneous Transaction Forms.) **This is not applicable.**
- 11. Returned Check Fee.** In the event a check, draft, or any other similar instrument is given by a person, firm, corporation, or partnership to the Corporation for payment of services provided for in this Tariff, and the instrument is returned by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or non-negotiable for any reason, the account for which the instrument was issued shall be assessed a return check charge of \$20.00. (see Miscellaneous Transaction Forms)
- 12. Reconnect Fee.** The Corporation shall charge a fee of \$30.00 for reconnecting service after the Corporation has previously disconnected the service for any reason provided for in this Tariff except for activation of service under Section E.3.b. Re-Service.
- 13. Service Trip Fee.** The Corporation shall charge a trip fee of \$30.00 for any service call or trip to the Member's tap as a result of a request by the Member or resident for response to damage of the Corporation's or another Member's facilities, for customer service inspections due to

suspicion of meter tampering, bypass or diversion of service, or for the purpose of disconnecting or collecting payment for services. A \$50.00 service call fee may be assessed to any WWSC customer where a problem or issue occurs on the customer side of meter and a WWSC field employee is dispatched. The problem will be evaluated by dispatched employee and WWSC General Manager to determine the assessment of the \$50.00 fee.

- 14. Equipment Damage Fee.** If the Corporation's facilities or equipment have been damaged by tampering, bypassing, installing unauthorized taps, reconnecting service without authority, or other service diversion, a fee shall be charged equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, and equipment necessary for repair, replacement, and other Corporation actions. This fee shall be charged and paid before service is re-established. If the Corporation's equipment has not been damaged, a fee equal to the actual costs for all labor, material, equipment, and other actions necessary to correct service diversions, unauthorized taps, or reconnection of service without authority shall be charged. All components of this fee will be itemized, and a statement shall be provided to the Member. If the Corporation's equipment, Right-of-Way, or meter shut-off valve, or due to other acts for which the Corporation incurs losses or damages, the Member shall be liable for all labor and material charges incurred as a result of said acts or negligence.
- 15. Customer History Report Fee.** A fee of \$_____ shall be charged to provide a copy of the Member's record of past water purchases in response to a Member's request for such a record. **This is not applicable.**
- 16. Meter Test Fee.** The Corporation shall test a Member's meter upon written request of the Member. Under the terms of Section E of this Tariff, a charge of \$30.00 shall be imposed on the affected account.
- 17. Transfer Fee.** An applicant for service who is a Transferee shall complete all required application forms, etc., and pay a Transfer Fee of \$34.00 and a Filing Fee of \$26.00 if an easement is not already filed for the property.
- 18. Non-Disclosure Fee.** A fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed any customer requesting in writing that personal information under the terms of this Tariff not be disclosed to the public.
- 19. Information Copy Fee.** A fee for the copying of any public information will be charged to the person requesting that information in compliance with the cost rules of the Texas Buildings and Procurement Commission set forth at 1 TAC Section 111.70.
- 20. Customer Service Inspection Fee.** A fee of \$75.00 will be assessed each Applicant before permanent continuous service is provided to new construction.
- 21. Franchise Fee Assessment.** A fee of 3% of the amount billed for water service will be assessed each customer whose meter is located inside the corporate limits of the City of Wimberley, Texas, as required by the City's ordinance requiring a franchise fee.

- 22. Regulatory Assessment.** A fee of .005% of the amount billed for water/sewer service will be assessed each customer; this assessment is required under Texas law and TCEQ regulations. **NOTE:** The regulatory assessment is not to be collected from state agencies, wholesale customers, or buyers of non-potable (not drinkable) water. (Ref. TCEQ RG-199 revised Oct. 2002. TCEQ Section 291.76 (c))
- 23. Additional Assessments.** In the event any federal, state or local government imposes on the Corporation a “per meter” fee or an assessment based on a percent of water charges, this fee or assessment will be billed and collected as a “pass through” charge to the customer.
- 24. Groundwater District Production Fee.** A fee of ___ per thousand gallons of water used by each customer; this fee is collected to pay a portion of the annual fee charged the Corporation by Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District based on the amount of water pumped from the Corporation’s wells located within the boundaries of the District. **This is not applicable.**
- 25. Other Fees.** All services outside the normal scope of utility operations which the Corporation may be compelled to provide at the request of a customer or Member shall be charged to the recipient based on the cost of providing such service.